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We thank you again for reviewing our manuscript. Minor changes has been made in the current manuscript, although not marked in the manuscript as required. Changes have been noted in this document.

Assistant Editor Comments:

1. Authorship Change Form

We note that the order of authors has changed since original submission of the manuscript. In line with COPE guidelines, BioMed Central requires written confirmation from all authors that they agree with any proposed changes in authorship of submitted manuscripts or published articles.

We apologize the confusion; the order of authors has not been changed. The order is as seen in the originally submitted manuscript, PG 1, as well as in the previously submitted manuscript, PG1. But somehow, by mistake, authors appear in the wrong order at the beginning of the submission pdf. We are hoping to get this sorted out on this current submission.
2. Funding

In the Funding section, please also describe the role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.

PG 24, line 453: Changed “This work was funded by Norwegian Women's Public Health Association” to “Study design, analysis, interpretation of data and writing the manuscript were funded by Norwegian Women's Public Health Association”.

The Tromsø Study is responsible for the data collection. But this wasn’t written under the Funding since we haven’t received any funding from the Tromsø Study. Of course, any work could not have been done without the Tromsø Study or funding from the Norwegian Women’s Public Health Association. The data availability is written under Availability of data and material PG 23, line 443. We will be happy to write more about this in the, but we are unsure what kind of funding the Tromsø Study has received on different areas of data collection, and if it would be necessary to elaborate on that since it has no direct affect on our work.

PG1, line 13: Due to internal changes at the university affiliations were altered: from Sport Sciences to sport sciences. And from Faculty of Sports, Tourism, and Social work to Faculty of Health Sciences.